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**Subject:** Re: Project TENDR scientific letter on phthalates risk assessment

I'm fine to attend.

FYI. Content from the suspended IRIS assessments was disseminated as journal publications. These have been shared with OPPT to facilitate their work.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 29, 2021, at 6:52 AM, Blackburn, Elizabeth <Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Susanna

I understand that this request is with you? You'll note from the exchange below that there is an expectation to follow up next month/August. I'm wondering if I should connect the two of you for follow up?

Kris, not sure how/if you want to be engaged in this conversation.

Please let me know how you'd like me to follow up.

Thank you very much.

Liz

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Thank you Dr. Orme-Zavaleta,

Next month would be great for follow up and hopefully scheduling a meeting. I can only imagine how full all of your calendars are. We will look forward to hearing from Dr. Blackburn.

Best wishes on your retirement!

Maureen

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Dear Maureen, I apologize for the delay. We have people looking in to this and won't be able to follow up till next month. Note I am retiring the end of this week. Adding Liz Blackburn, ORD Chief of staff who can help with following up.

jennifer

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**Subject:** RE: Project TENDR scientific letter on phthalates risk assessment

Hello again Dr. Freedhoff and Dr. Orme-Zavaleta,

If you are amenable to a meeting with the TENDR phthalates and cumulative risk researchers, I'm hoping it would work to schedule for some time in August., prior to fall semesters starting at the universities.

I'd be glad to let them know your availability and help to arrange a meeting.

Best regards,  
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Hello Dr. Freedhoff and Dr. Orme-Zavaleta,

I wanted to follow up on this scientific letter regarding cumulative risk assessment of the ortho-phthalates prioritized for evaluation under TSCA.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you soon to discuss this with you and your staff. From our end, meeting participants would include several of the researchers who signed the letter, along with several other members of Project TENDR with relevant expertise.

Thank you for considering our request for a meeting. We look forward to talking with you.

Best regards,  
Maureen

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**Subject:** Project TENDR scientific letter on phthalates risk assessment

Hello Dr. Freedhoff and Dr. Orme-Zavaleta,

I co-direct Project TENDR, an alliance of scientists, health professionals, and advocates working to prevent exposures to toxic chemicals harmful to child brain development. I'm sending the attached letter on behalf of a group of TENDR researchers with expertise on phthalate health risks and cumulative risk assessment. They write to urge the EPA Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics to take a cumulative risk approach to the seven ortho-phthalates undergoing risk evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

Our scientists would be glad to meet with you and your staff to discuss this approach, which we firmly believe is critical to protecting potentially exposed or susceptible sub-populations including pregnant women and children.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. We would be pleased to discuss this information and recommendation with you and your staff.

Best regards,  
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